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Present: Mayor Naugle  
Commissioners Hutchinson, Katz, Moore, and Smith

Also Present: City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and Police Sergeant

**I-A – Police and Firefighters Retirement System – Survivor Benefits**

A discussion was scheduled on survivor benefits related to the Police and Firefighters Retirement System. The City Manager explained that this matter had been presented to the Commission a few months ago and, at that time, there had been a difference of opinion as to the potential impact on the Pension Plan and as to whether or not this was a matter for collective bargaining.

At 1:37 p.m., Commissioner Moore left the meeting.

The City Manager stated that the idea was to remove what appeared to be a penalty clause for surviving spouses of those who had retired prior to December, 2000. After that date, employees within the system had an opportunity to choose a surviving spouse benefit. That meant that even in the event of remarriage by the surviving spouse, they could still continue to receive about 60% of the deceased individual's pension. He explained that those who retired before December, 2000 had not been offered that option. As a result, if they did remarry after the death of the member, the pension had ceased.

The City Manager said that what was before the Commission today was whether or not it wished to undertake the changes to the Code so that particular penalty clause could be removed. He noted that there was one person who might be positively impacted by such a change was Mr. Dunckel's mother, and he had provided advice on this issue. However, he had made it clear that he represented the City in this matter and the relationship had not "colored" his advice to the Commission.

At 1:40 p.m., Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Smith inquired about retirees prior to 1973. The City Manager advised there was no effected plan prior to 1973.

*Mr. Frank Schuller*, a retired Police Sergeant, hoped the Commission would support this change to the Plan.

*Mr. Rick Perez*, Chair of the Pension Board, reported that the Board had voted unanimously to support this proposal to eliminate this penalty. Commissioner Moore asked Mr. Perez to explain the penalty. Mr. Perez explained that the actuary had already calculated the plan funding necessary as if no one lost benefits. Therefore, there was no hardship on the plan itself because there was no adverse cost, although if someone did remarry, there would be a savings to the plan.

*Mr. Ian Kemp*, President of the IAFF, urged the Commission to adopt this proposal. He added that the IAFF membership had unanimously voted in support of the measure.

Commissioner Katz noted that the Commission had received a lot of letters indicating that this would have no effect on the plan, but she had received other information. Although the actuarial was correct, the calculations were not because when this idea had been considered, life expectancy, earnings on investment, etc., had not been considered. She believed that if the information received was correct, there would be a self-supporting pension plan, but she understood the City had put millions of dollars into the plan over the past few years. Commissioner Katz was concerned that the City would have to put more money into the plan in the future because people were living longer than in the past, and she was concerned there would be claims from all those who had remarried in the past. She had not been able to find out how much money was involved. She felt the fair approach would be to direct the City Manager to address this issue through negotiations. Commissioner Hutchinson did not believe the law would allow this to be negotiated in terms of past retirees.

Commissioner Moore asked how many people would be eligible for this survivor's benefit under the old plan. Commissioner Smith believed there were 63 retirees involved. Mayor Naugle understood that figure would be increased by the number of retirees who had retired before the year 2000, which numbered around 400. Commissioner Smith understood those individuals had been given the option of choosing that benefit.

The City Manager explained that up until December, 2000, the option for selecting survivor benefits had not existed. The number of persons who retired prior to that date were about 400, so those 400 would now have that option, which stated that those individuals could opt for a lesser benefit while the retiree was still alive in order to ensure continuation of benefits after his or her death even if the surviving spouse remarried.

Commissioner Moore understood there were 400 people who could now select that benefit, and there were 60 people who could not do so because it was not offered. The Director of Finance clarified that the 400 officers and firefighters who had retired prior to January 1, 2000 had not had the option of choosing this benefit. He added that the revised count of those spouses who had outlived the retirees was up to 72, from 63, for a total of about 470 people who were affected. Commissioner Smith understood the actuarial study had accounted for all 470, and the Director of Finance agreed that was correct. He explained that the assumption was that the surviving spouse would receive the benefit until he or she died.

Mayor Naugle believed that if this were changed, the plan would be deprived of savings that occurred if those spouses remarried. Commissioner Katz understood that the actuarial study was based on the idea that the pension plan would be self-funded. The Director of Finance said the idea of the pension plan was that it would be funded from various sources including invested earnings, employee contributions, and employer contributions. He noted that the City was the last contributor each year.

Commissioner Moore suggested that the actuary be invited to make a presentation in this regard because he wanted to understand why the actuary felt this would have no impact on the pension fund. Mayor Naugle understood the actuarial basis for the calculations and did not need further explanations. He was sure this would cost the taxpayers millions of dollars. Commissioner Smith believed there was an indication that some savings could be realized without this benefit, but the worst-case scenario had been calculated.

Commissioner Moore tended to agree with Mayor Naugle, but he preferred factual information. He believed Commissioner Katz had raised a valid point, and he recalled times when the City had to fund the plan because it had not performed as predicted, and this could increase that possibility. Commissioner Moore also wanted those who advocated this change to have the actuary's input.

Commissioner Smith wondered what happened if the pension plan out performed its need. The Director of Finance explained that had happened in the past, and then the City's contribution was less, which was why the City's contribution varied from year to year. Commissioner Smith asked what the City's contribution had been last year, and the Director of Finance believed it had been about \$5 million.

Commissioner Moore wanted to discuss this with the actuary. Commissioner Hutchinson felt it should be addressed on July 16, 2002. The City Manager said that was possible, but he suggested the meeting be started earlier due to the length of the agenda.

**Action:** Actuary to be invited to make a presentation on July 16, 2002.

### **I-B – National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) Walk-As-One Event**

A discussion was scheduled on the City's proposed sponsorship of the NCCJ Walk-As-One event to be held on October 20, 2002 on Fort Lauderdale beach. Consideration of this item had been deferred from the Commission's June 18, 2002 meeting. The City Manager introduced *Mr. Maurice Maddox*, Director of Workplace and Community Relations of the NCCJ, and said this was an opportunity for the City and the County to come together and walk as one.

Mr. Maddox explained that this program had been initiated in 1999 to promote NCCJ in communities across the country and to raise funds for its community and youth services programs. He described the proposed event route and stated that Pat Moran would be the Chair of the event. Mr. Maddox stated that JM Family Enterprises and The Herald were the co-presenting sponsors, and this was an opportunity for the City to participate at that same level of sponsorship. He advised that it proposed a \$20,000 commitment with half of that in the form of in-kind services and half in cash.

Mr. Maddox noted that this was also an opportunity to promote unity among City employees and bring different members of the community together to walk as one. He added that this would help promote public relations efforts as well as raising funds for various programs such as the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service.

Mayor Naugle understood the proposal was for a \$20,000 contribution from the City, although half would be in the form of in-kind services. He asked what kinds of services were proposed. The City Manager thought services would be needed from the Parks & Recreation, Fire, and Police Departments in order to stage the event. Mayor Naugle felt this was a worthy organization and event, but so many walkathons were held in Fort Lauderdale and most were for fund-raising purposes. He was concerned that this might set a precedent resulting in all of those sponsoring organizations seeking contributions from the City.

Commissioner Smith favored the proposal because the City had been "branded as insensitive" to minorities and diversity. He felt this was something that would help set the record straight and demonstrate that Fort Lauderdale would "stand out amongst the crowd" for fairness and non-discrimination.

Commissioner Hutchinson preferred that the City's contribution be wholly in the form of in-kind services with no cash. She was not overly convinced that the event would put the City in a new light, but she felt the City's participation on a team level would be good for the community. Commissioner Hutchinson believed much of the City's participation in events was in the form of in-kind services.

Commissioner Moore understood City employees could participate whether or not the City was a sponsor. Mr. Maddox agreed that was correct. Commissioner Moore asked what the City would get for its sponsorship. Mr. Maddox replied that the proposal would allow the City to participate at the co-presenting sponsor level, which would provide public relations benefits, advertising, and promotion through television and radio sponsors. He advised that the City's logo would be included in all the promotional materials, including posters, banners, \$30,000 in Herald advertising, television spots, and radio spots. Mr. Maddox said the City would be prominently featured along with JM Family Enterprises and The Herald.

Mr. Maddox stated that NCCJ was the leader in the community in terms of workplace diversity and unity among people. He advised that this initial proposal was part of the discussions about the City becoming a partner with NCCJ in various workplace diversity initiatives. Mr. Maddox felt this was an opportunity to demonstrate that the City's employees and the community could work together on an event that would benefit the entire community. Commissioner Moore reiterated that employees could participate even if the City were not a sponsor. Commissioner Katz asked what the City would get if it only contributed \$10,000 worth of services and no cash. Mr. Maddox said that would be a platinum level sponsorship.

Commissioner Moore said he had a number of entities that requested contributions for worthy events and desired in-kind services from the City, but those requests were denied. He agreed with Mayor Naugle that this contribution might set an undesirable precedent. Commissioner Moore wanted the City to participate in the event, but he did not feel the City should provide funds or in-kind services unless it planned to provide the same for all the other worthy organizations.

Commissioner Katz supported a \$10,000 contribution of in-kind services, but no cash contribution. Commissioner Hutchinson concurred. Commissioner Smith believed the City Manager had brought this to the Commission because he felt it was a worthy event. Commissioner Katz noted that Mayor Naugle and Commissioner Moore had raised a valid point in that this might open the door to other similar requests.

**Action:** City to contribute \$10,000 through in-kind services.

The City Manager thanked the Commission for its supported and noted that Mr. Maddox had mentioned discussions regarding training, and he still wished to go forward in that respect. There were no objections.

#### **I-C – Proposed Amendment to the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) – Barrier Island (Central Beach Area and North Beach Barrier Island)**

A discussion was scheduled about barrier island development regulations with respect to height, density, setback, and others applicable to the Central Beach Area (ABA, PDR, NBRA, IOA, SLA, and SBMHA zoning districts) and in RMH-25 and RMH-60 in the North Beach barrier island. Notice of this public discussion was published on June 22, 2002.

Ms. Cecelia Hollar, Construction Services Director, recalled that the Commission had directed staff to review all recent planning reports and studies to determine if they contained information and conclusions that would support a 20% reduction in overall height or density reduction on the barrier island. She advised that the analysis was not yet complete, and staff wished to reagenda this matter for July 16, 2002. Ms. Hollar noted that some of the monitoring tools contained in the Comprehensive Plan were also being examined in order to ensure the encouragement of mass transit and pedestrian movement in the beach area rather than so much reliance on vehicular movement. In addition, information on the potential economic affects were being studied.

Mayor Naugle wondered how density would be addressed if zoning in progress on a 20% height reduction were established today. Ms. Hollar said a 20% across-the-board reduction could be applied as to density as well. Mayor Naugle asked if zoning in progress could be established in that regard today, and Ms. Hollar replied it could.

Commissioner Smith asked if the density were in a "pool" in the PRD. Ms. Hollar replied it was in a pool in the various districts, and those figures could also be provided on July 16, 2002. Commissioner Moore understood a project had already been approved, and he wondered if this 20% reduction would have any impact on that particular project. It was Ms. Hollar's understanding it would not. The City Attorney agreed that anything already processed would be unaffected. Ms. Hollar clarified that a determination of submission of a complete application would be necessary for a project to fall under prior regulations. Commissioner Smith asked if any applications had been submitted in the last day or two. Ms. Hollar was not aware of any.

*Ms. Judy Scher*, President of the Birchcrest Apartments, was pleased the Commission was addressing height and density, but she felt another moratorium was in order. She noted that there had been a newspaper article in the newspaper last weekend indicating that the County was concerned about height and density on the barrier island. Ms. Scher hoped the Commission would approve another moratorium and address the 12 projects that had already been approved.

*Mr. Charles McKirahan*, Architect, said he was present on behalf of the approved Capri project on the beach, and an additional 4 motels were owned by the same entity. He supported the 20% reduction under consideration, although not as to the Capri since so much work had already gone into the plans for that project. Commissioner Smith believed the project had been approved at 20% above the maximum allowed now, so the owners could "reel it in" if they wished. Mr. McKirahan was not authorized to address that issue.

*Ms. Vicky Mowry*, of the Central Beach Alliance, read aloud a statement indicating that the Alliance's goal to aiding and advancing responsible development in the community. The Alliance wished to avoid an over abundance of massive towering structures such as those which plagued many other cities along the coast. Ms. Mowry endorsed the current proposal to reduce height by 20%, which she believed would achieve a balance between responsible development while limiting density. However, the Alliance felt a grandfather clause should be included to safeguard the interests and investments of central beach residents and businesses, as well as currently approved projects.

*Mr. Mel Rubenstein* appreciated the Commission keeping this issue on the table. He noted that Mayor Naugle had recently been quoted in the newspaper about the Broward County study, and how studies should not be duplicated. He agreed, and he felt the 20% reduction in height and density should be adopted along with a moratorium.

Mr. McKirahan wished to mention that due to the current financial situation, the City would be fortunate if 3 or 4 of the 12 approved projects were actually constructed.

*Ms. Miranda Lopez* supported the 20% reduction in both height and density, as well as modifications to the required yards. Commissioner Katz asked Ms. Lopez if she was suggesting the Commission wait on the ULI Study or go ahead and pursue this now. Ms. Lopez thought the ULI Study might resulting a recommendation of even greater height limitations. Mayor Naugle felt it was necessary to start somewhere, so this action could be taken today and, if the ULI Study suggested greater limitations, they could be considered at a later date.

Commissioner Moore did not think any of the Commissioners supported a moratorium. Mayor Naugle wondered how a moratorium would affect existing projects in the “pipeline.” The City Attorney advised it would not affect any of those. He explained that it would require an entirely different process and cause much greater City exposure.

Commissioner Smith did not feel single-family home districts should be included in the 20% across the board reduction in height and density. Rather, he felt it should apply in the RMH-60 and greater districts because he saw no need to reduce heights in the RMM-25 and RMH-25 districts. Commissioner Smith also wanted to be clear that the height limitation in the RMH-60 in the north beach area was 150’, so a 30’ decrease would allow a maximum height of 120’, but buildings could be up to 240’ with consideration.

Mayor Naugle felt the RMM-25 and RMH-25 should be included, while excluding the 4, 8 and 15 residential zoning districts and the RML-25. Commissioner Smith did not think people found 55’ tall buildings objectionable. In fact, there were not usually complaints with respect to 100’ buildings. Mayor Naugle thought they might object if a 100’ building was constructed next to a single-family neighborhood. Commissioner Smith believed there were other regulations that could be put into place to address neighborhood compatibility and setbacks. Mayor Naugle did not have a lot of confidence in such measures, but Commissioner Smith said he had faith in staff.

Commissioner Moore said he was willing to go along with the majority of the Commission in this regard. He did not feel “the sky was falling” in terms of building height, but he would support those Commissioners who thought this would be in the best interests of area residents.

Commissioner Smith suggested a focus on the districts in which the reduction should be applied. He felt RMH-60 and higher districts should be addressed in order to reduce the allowed 150’ heights to 120’. He thought 100’ and 55’ buildings and single-family homes should be “carved out” of this proposal. Mayor Naugle had no objection to exempting single-family and duplex districts, but he felt the 55’ and 100’ buildings should be addressed.

Commissioner Moore said he would support Commissioner Smith’s position, but he wondered how the City would deal with the County issue of “Eastward Ho.” He believed there had to be some compromise position. As a compromise, he suggested leaving RMH-25 and lesser district regulations in their current form. Mayor Naugle advised that the “Eastward Ho” movement specifically excluded the barrier island.



Commissioner Hutchinson had no objection to excluding areas that allowed heights of 55' or less, but she felt buildings of 100' or more should be addressed. Commissioner Katz did not think simply "lopping off" the top of buildings would achieve the intent. She believed there was much more involved, particularly in situations where condominiums were constructed adjacent to single-family homes. Commissioner Smith agreed, but he felt that discussion should be taken up another day. He wanted to address the largest buildings in the central beach as a first step.

Commissioner Katz understood the current proposal involved the north beach as well, all the way up the entire barrier island. Commissioner Smith suggested applying the reduction only to the area south of Oakland Park Boulevard. Commissioner Katz felt that would be acceptable. Mayor Naugle thought the area north of Oakland Park Boulevard needed this type of reduction very badly. He pointed out that there was single-family development in that area, west of A-1-A near the hotels.

Commissioner Smith wondered if there were 3 votes to include the area north of Oakland Park Boulevard. Commissioner Katz did not want to address that area at this time. Mayor Naugle inquired about the zoning. Commissioner Smith believed there was CB zoning on the west side of A-1-A, and then it "stepped down" to RMM-25 between the CB and the single-family homes. Mayor Naugle pointed out the height in that area could be brought down to 44'. Commissioner Smith did not believe there was consensus in that respect. Commissioner Katz agreed she thought it would be best to wait a few months.

Commissioner Smith referred to "grandfathering." He thought that the people who lived there now wanted to be able to rebuild the structures they had if there were a storm. The City Attorney advised that grandfathering would be dealt with in the ordinance, which would take some time. Today, however, the proposal was to establish zoning in progress while staff went forward with the necessary studies to craft the ordinance. Commissioner Smith believed staff needed direction to include a grandfather clause in the ordinance, and the City Attorney agreed that could be part of the Commission's direction today.

Mayor Naugle supported the idea of a grandfather clause as discussed. Commissioner Moore said that made him a little nervous because if there were a natural destruction of property, perhaps that would be the best time to address height and density issues that were clearly a concern in the area. Mayor Naugle pointed out that not having a grandfather clause could affect someone's ability to transfer property, and make it difficult to obtain financing or insurance.

Commissioner Smith understood there was consensus to reduce height 20% across the board on the barrier island south of Oakland Park Boulevard for zoning districts RMH-60 and higher. He was not prepared to discuss density today and suggested that matter be discussed on July 16, 2002. Commissioner Moore supported the idea, and Commissioner Katz preferred to do that so additional neighborhood input in that regard could be obtained. Mayor Naugle wanted the record to reflect that he felt the area north of Oakland Park Boulevard should be included.

**Action:** As discussed. Additional discussion to be scheduled for July 16, 2002.

#### **I-D – Urban Land Institute**

A discussion was scheduled on drafted questions for the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Panel Advisory Study of the Fort Lauderdale Beach.

At 2:39 p.m., Commissioner Moore left the meeting. He returned at 2:41 p.m.

The City Manager noted that a list of proposed questions had been distributed, and *Mr. Frank Schnidman*, of Florida Atlantic University (FAU), was present to provide additional information. Mr. Schnidman explained that the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board had passed the proposed questions unanimously after review of an initial draft prepared by a variety of different partners. He stated that the purpose of this document was to provide the ULI with a list of topics on which the City sought advice and guidance. Mr. Schnidman added that this document would be part of the application that would be submitted to the ULI for the panel to get the process underway so FAU could begin preparation of a briefing book. He desired Commission input on the proposed questions and a decision as to whether or not it wanted to go forward at this point.

Commissioner Smith felt the report had been very thorough and referred to page 3, where travel and transit had been discussed. He did not feel the sentence had been very clear under J.3. Mr. Schnidman explained that the idea was to comment on all of the studies that were currently underway. Commissioner Smith suggested the sentence be rephrased for clarity. He also felt item K and K.1. should be eliminated because it was impossible given the political realities of the situation with the County. It was agreed.

Commissioner Katz referred to question C.1. with regard to an amphitheater on the beach. She suggested the addition of “as opposed to elsewhere in the City” because she did not want people to think an amphitheater would either be here or nowhere.

Commissioner Katz noted that the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board thought the Commission should wait on any decisions about building heights, etc., affecting the beach area until after the ULI. Commissioner Smith understood that, but he expected the Board to have an opportunity to “weigh in” as to the zoning in progress before the ordinance itself was considered. Mr. Schnidman noted that this process was anticipated to take only four months, and he did not believe an ordinance could be adopted by that time anyway.

**Action:** Approved as amended and discussed.

## **I-E – City Commission Compensation**

A discussion was scheduled on the level of compensation for the City Commission. The City Manager acknowledged that the information provided to the Commission about compensation in other areas was incomplete. Mayor Naugle inquired about the Commission salary in Miami Beach. Commissioner Moore was interested in the salaries and population in Lauderhill.

**Action:** Temporarily tabled pending additional information.

## **II-A – Employee Health Insurance Benefits**

A status report was presented on the employee health insurance benefits, which had been deferred from the June 18, 2002 Conference meeting. Commissioner Moore felt the Commission needed more information about what USA had done and what the new contractor planned to do. Mr. Damon Adams, Director of Finance, advised that more information would be available by July 16, 2002, but he felt the City was “starting to turn the corner.” He stated that utilization figures were coming in, and checks were being written. Mr. Adams reported that the \$7.5 million inventory of claims was down to \$5 million, and he was very encouraged.

Commissioner Moore was interested in the trends under the new plan design because that would be the only way to determine if the action taken had been adequate. Mr. Scott Denham, Risk Manager, advised that some information had just come in today, and staff was preparing reports. However, as of February 1, 2002 there had definitely been a shift of utilization through the District, so it appeared the goals of the new plan design were being achieved.

Commissioner Smith wanted to know if the plan was in the black, and he felt the City was fortunate in having the benefit of Commissioner Moore's expertise. Commissioner Moore was glad there would be more information on July 16, 2002, but he felt the Commission should consider a "benefits person" on staff to avoid continual problems. In addition, he thought consideration should be given to the composition of the Insurance Advisory Board in order to ensure that appointees had backgrounds in this field. Although there were many excellent members, Commissioner Moore believed most of the members' backgrounds were in the property and casualty disciplines.

Commissioner Katz wanted to know how much debt there was and the extent of the claims back-up. Once the Commission had that information, it could make an informed decision about whether or not to go to a managed HMO. Commissioner Moore said he would not make that suggestion, and he thought the City should stay with a self-funded plan for some period of time no matter the deficit situation in order to analyze the difference with the new utilization, premium flow and plan design. Commissioner Moore explained that some time was necessary to collect and analyze the data.

Upon questioning by Commissioner Katz, Mr. Adams reported that there was a cash deficit of \$7.5 million as of April 30, 2002, which did not include outstanding bills.

**Action:** Subject to be placed on July 16, 2002 Agenda pending additional information as discussed.

## **II-B – Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Budget Priorities**

A report was presented on FY 2002/2003 budget priorities, which had been deferred from the June 18, 2002 meeting. The City Manager advised that there was little new since this report had been distributed at the last meeting except for some good news about the tax rolls as reported in the newspaper recently. In terms of his recommendations and priorities, however, the City Manager felt they presented more than enough challenges for next year's budget.

Mayor Naugle asked if the tax roll figures included the Riverland and Melrose Park areas. The City Manager replied they had, and Mayor Naugle inquired about the difference. Mr. Terry Sharp, Assistant Finance Director, said that early indications had been \$330 million to \$350 million in value, but he did not yet know how much of that value was taxable. He thought it might be about half that amount or \$128 million in new value. Mayor Naugle noted that the County's tax roll appeared to have decreased by about \$150 million, so that might be the amount that had shifted.

Commissioner Moore felt that if the City was going to deal with annexation, this might be a good opportunity to find a level playing field without impacting current residents due to this “newfound wealth.” He thought the Commission should give this serious consideration over the summer. Mayor Naugle had not heard anything about any windfall, and the Commission had just been informed about a \$7.5 million deficit in the insurance fund. He also noted that this information related only to the assessment, and there was still the millage roll back to consider. Commissioner Moore was concerned about future annexations.

Commissioner Smith said there had been a lot of discussion about crime and crime trends at his last district meeting. He thought the City had grown complacent due to the reduction in the crime rate over the past 5 years, but Fort Lauderdale still had far too much crime. Commissioner Smith felt the City should try to get “ahead of the curve” now that there would be some new money available.

Mayor Naugle felt this was the wrong time to discuss closing the jail in light of the increase in crime and the violent nature of those crimes. Commissioner Moore asked if violent criminals were housed in the City jail. The Police Chief replied that violent criminals were not housed in the City jail. He advised that non-violent offenders were housed there, and beds were rented to the Marshall’s Office and the Immigration Service.

Commissioner Smith suggested a workshop meeting in the fall with regard to public safety. He wished to consider such things as decentralization of the Police Department, perhaps with administrative staff in City Hall and the troops placed throughout the City. Commissioner Moore had no objection to a workshop, although he believed Fort Lauderdale had enough police officers. He did not, however, feel the manpower was spread out in a fashion that was most productive. Commissioner Moore desired information about the new Police Chief’s concepts and processes. Commissioner Katz felt this should be part of a larger plan.

Commissioner Moore also wished to discuss the communications system. He said he consistently received complaints about how people were treated when they dialed 911. Commissioner Moore was concerned that the 911 operators were giving the message that the primary concern was the safety of the officers, as well as indications that no one would be sent out until better information was provided. In addition, he had found that errors were made on the part of the dispatchers whenever he listened to tapes of 911 calls, and he was very concerned about how the customers were treated.

Mayor Naugle wondered how many complaints Commissioner Moore received, and he advised he had received a number. Commissioner Hutchinson said she had received complaints from constituents, residents and police officers. Commissioner Smith stated that the operators also seemed unfamiliar with certain areas. Commissioner Moore advised that he had obtained 911 tapes on 4 occasions, and there had been some mistake or insensitivity on the parts of dispatchers in each case. Commissioner Katz thought there should be some discussion about the cost of improved training v. the cost of returning to a City-operated system.

The Police Chief advised that an oversight committee had been established that was composed of 7 members, and the first meeting was scheduled for this month. He stated that the intent was to determine areas in which more training was necessary and identify the points at which problems arose. The Police Chief stated that the committee had 3 members from the City, 3 from the County, and an ad-hoc member from the Dade Fire Metro Department. In addition, forms had been created so police officers could help identify the types of issues that should be addressed in the communications center. He believed the oversight committee would meet for the first time on July 11, 2002.

Commissioner Moore inquired about the committee members. The Police Chief replied that Major Sharon Andersen, Nancy Dzoba, the communications liaison with the County, and another operations staff member were the members from the City. He also noted that when issues were brought to the attention of the County, action was taken very quickly in terms of training and discipline. Nevertheless, he acknowledged that there were problems with communications that had to be addressed.

Commissioner Smith asked the Police Chief if he would be ready to discuss some creative ideas in this regard in the fall. He believed so. The City Manager wanted the Commission to know that the Police Chief took the Commission's concerns very seriously and had put action plans and committees into place in order to address problems.

Commissioner Katz referred to inclusion of the Water and Sewer Master Plan in the Enhanced Capital Improvement Program (CIP). She had been under the impression that involved bonds affecting the General Fund, so she was not sure this should be part of the budget. The City Manager explained that this was not part of the General Fund budget, but it did involve an allocation of personnel resources for implementation over 10 years, and the Enhanced CIP was also a multi-year program.

Mayor Naugle referred to the \$800,000 contribution to the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA. He noted that was a loan. Mr. Sharp agreed that was an advance.

Commissioner Katz wanted it understood that not all of the Water and Sewer Master Plan would come from the General Fund. The City Manager agreed the Water and Sewer Fund would be utilized.

Commissioner Katz asked if increased maintenance for parks and recreation had been included in the budget as new areas were annexed. The City Manager replied that increased parks maintenance requirements would be addressed in the budget, which had always been addressed as new facilities were brought online as a result of the parks bond issue. Commissioner Katz asked if the health care debt was being taken into consideration. The City Manager replied that the deficit had not been included as a priority, although adjustments would be necessary, because there was a dedicated Insurance Fund. He did not, however, expect to recommend a line item increase in that budgeted amount next year.

Commissioner Katz asked if economic development was included in the budget for next year. The City Manager replied that sufficient funds would be budgeted to accomplish those things the Commission desired in terms of the Economic Development Plan. Mayor Naugle expected tremendous surpluses in light of all the vacancies in that area. The City Manager agreed there would be some salary savings.

Commissioner Katz wondered if there would be any reduction in building permit fees generated as fewer buildings were constructed. Mr. Sharp expected a different mix of projects, perhaps with smaller projects than in the past. He anticipated potentially less revenue, and that had been contemplated. The City Manager added that the figures might balance as new buildings came online and were added to the tax rolls.

Commissioner Katz asked if any thought had been given to increasing the number of City employees in light of budget constraints. Mayor Naugle believed that most such increases related to newly annexed areas, which would be covered by increased tax revenues from those areas.

The City Manager said another area where there would be an increase involved staffing the project management office for the water and wastewater projects. Further, additional engineering would be necessary to get those projects moving. Mayor Naugle thought there would probably also be savings from reorganization.

Commissioner Moore felt he had to raise the issue of social and cultural funding again. He urged the Commission to reconsider that matter and reestablish this funding. Commissioner Hutchinson noted that such funding seemed to be considered at almost every meeting in any case. Commissioner Moore agreed and expected that would cost more money than the previous approach taken by the City. Commissioner Katz recalled that the Commission decided to wait to see how much money the Children's Services Tax would generate. Mayor Naugle believed about \$11 million would be contributed by City residents, and that was a large amount. Commissioner Moore pointed out that the City had no control over those funds.

**Action:**           Approved as discussed.

## **II-C – Privatization of City Services**

A report was presented on privatization efforts for City services. Commissioner Smith had been very impressed with the scope of the report, although he felt the City could do more in this respect. Commissioner Katz noted that the information had been divided between contracts and privatization, and she thought the difference should be more clearly defined.

Commissioner Moore had no objection to examining methods of saving money, although he thought taking the lowest bids might not always be in the best interests of the City. Commissioner Smith agreed, but he felt there were various activities that should be reviewed with this concept in mind. The City Manager concurred, although he did not think essential services such as police and fire should be considered for privatization. Nevertheless, regional service was something to consider in those areas, and staff was always engaged in discussions in that regard. The City Manager believed Fort Lauderdale had done a good job of working with a combination of methods to ensure resources were used most effectively. He cited fleet management as particularly successful in terms of privatization.

Commissioner Smith referred to advisory board minutes. He wondered if it would make more sense to have a single individual on staff to take minutes for all 27 advisory boards. The City Clerk thought it would be impossible for one person to handle all of those boards, and there had been substantial overtime costs in the past when in-house personnel handled this activity. Commissioner Smith asked if any study had been done. The City Clerk was not sure if a study had been conducted, but the service had been privatized years ago when it had been determined that the Assistant City Clerk was being paid a lot of money to do minutes. She noted that there was more than one contractor if there were any conflicts.

Commissioner Smith hoped staff was considering landscaping and irrigation because he did not think the City was necessarily cost effective in those respects. He was also interested in considering bulk trash services. Mr. Hector Castro, City Engineer, stated that service levels had been the issue in terms of bulk trash. He felt Fort Lauderdale had provided the highest level of bulk service in the County with the exception of Deerfield Beach, and he thought the City could provide a higher level of service than could the private sector.

**Action:** As discussed.

### **I-E – City Commission Compensation**

The City Manager reported that the Mayor of Lauderhill received \$19,260, and the Commissioners were compensated at \$15,408. He did not, however, have information about car allowances. The City Manager added that the population of Lauderhill was 57,585.

Commissioner Hutchinson pointed out that these were not part-time positions. Rather, they were temporary, full-time positions, and she felt it was time for a raise. She also believed that most constituents would support the idea. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested a \$30,000 annual salary for Commissioners and a \$35,000 salary for Mayor. In addition, she suggested that Commissioners receive \$300 per month for expenses, with the Mayor receiving \$500 per month.

Commissioner Smith agreed with Commissioner Hutchinson, although he was not sure the figures she had suggested were right. He agreed these were full-time positions, and the compensation had been kept artificially low. Commissioner Smith believed his constituents desired even more hours and were willing to pay for it within reason. Commissioner Katz agreed a lot of time and effort went into being a Commissioner, although she did not care for the timing and preferred amounts that fell in the middle range in comparison to other cities. Mayor Naugle noted that all of the cities surveyed were smaller than Fort Lauderdale, and the City Manager pointed out that Fort Lauderdale was a full service community notwithstanding populations, demographics and amenities. He felt the County was a more comparable entity.

Commissioner Moore wondered if the designation of the positions themselves would be changed from “part-time” to “full-time,” considering the fact that all the Commissioners had other jobs. Mayor Naugle agreed although these positions took 40 to 50 hours per week. Commissioner Smith believed most people appreciated the fact that Commissioners needed some other form of income and these were temporary positions.

Commissioner Smith suggested \$25,000 for Commissioners and \$30,000 for the Mayor. Commissioner Hutchinson felt that was acceptable with expenses of \$300 and \$500 per month for the Commissioners and Mayor, respectively.

Mayor Naugle preferred a salary of \$1 year and a staff person to assist him, but the Charter did not allow it. He thought that if he had a dedicated staff person, he would not have to put in 60 hours a week. Mayor Naugle added that he was satisfied with the existing compensation, but he did not plan to run for office beyond 2009, so there were future candidates to consider.

Commissioner Moore said that the Mayor's comments highlighted his concern that only the wealthy could serve. He supported Commissioner Hutchinson's original suggestion of \$30,000 and \$35,000 salaries for Commissioners and Mayor, respectively. Commissioner Katz felt a 20% increase would put the salaries right in the middle of the other cities.

*Mr. Michael Kasten* did not believe Exhibit 6 went far enough. He felt pay should be commensurate with job requirements, and that was not the case right now. Mr. Kasten reported that the average salary in Fort Lauderdale in 2000 was \$31,637, so he thought Commissioner Hutchinson's suggestion was realistic for an average, full-time job. He also agreed with Commissioner Moore that only financially privileged individuals could afford to seek office. Mr. Kasten noted that one question was where the money would come from, and he suggested the City sell the Stadium and invest the money.

Commissioner Smith wondered if it would make sense to put the question on a ballot. Mayor Naugle believed that would be expensive. The City Clerk estimated that a Citywide election could cost \$85,000.

It was the consensus of the Commission to support salaries of \$30,000 and \$35,000, with expense checks of \$300 and \$500 per month, although Commissioner Katz and Mayor Naugle did not agree.

**Action:** Resolution to be presented as discussed on July 16, 2002.

#### **IV – City Commission Reports**

##### **1. Police Activity on Sistrunk Corridor**

Commissioner Moore was pleased to report that increased arrests were being made along the Sistrunk Corridor for prostitution, and he applauded the Police Department for that action to address the problem. He also reported that there had been a recent District meeting attended by Police Department representatives, and there was a lack of satisfaction in terms of police response in this community. Commissioner Moore was still hearing concerns from residents about response to nuisances at convenience stores, in particular. It seemed the Police Department did not have the resources to get control over these types of problems.

Commissioner Moore suggested a public safety workshop to address nuisances of this nature. He stated that these nuisances escalated into more serious crime. Commissioner Smith believed the problem could be addressed through community policing, with the specific officers held accountable for results. Commissioner Moore felt the type of policing would make a difference, and he felt the issue of "shift picks" should be addressed because the seasoned officers were not where they should be. He thought the Police Chief should make these kinds of determinations. Mayor Naugle felt "district picks" was the larger issue, and Commissioner Moore agreed, although he understood this was a negotiated matter. He thought it was necessary to gain control over the police workforce.

**Action:** As discussed.



## 2. Parks and Recreation Department Staffing

Commissioner Moore desired an assessment of the programming staffing levels in the Parks and Recreation Department prior to budget discussions. He was interested in those who were actually delivering services to the community v. administration positions as a ratio of total employees. He thought there might be a need to “beef it up.”

**Action:** Staff to provide report.

## 3. Flooding

Commissioner Moore understood the volume of rain lately was very rare, and he wanted to compliment the Public Services Department for their efforts during this event. However, he felt improvements to the stormwater system or additional maintenance should be considered as well as more pump stations. Mayor Naugle felt the catch basins should be cleaned out regularly because they seemed to be clogged. Commissioner Moore agreed additional maintenance should be performed when the rainy season approached.

Mr. Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, understood the frustration, but it was difficult to address 9” of rain in a day. He stated that one problem with pump stations was that they did not function if the power failed during a storm event. Commissioner Moore acknowledged that the rain situation had been abnormal, but he was concerned that water would flood people’s homes. He recalled a system used in Sweetwater that was very effective, and perhaps some new technology should be evaluated to address low-lying areas.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that during planning for sewers she would be a staunch supporter if drainage problems could be addressed at the same time. She believed people would be willing to pay a little more in an assessment if that problem would be alleviated because there were people in some sections of the southwest in which people had to live with pumps and boards to reach their front doors.

Mr. Kisela referred to economics. He noted that when the area around the Executive Airport had been sewerred, the exfiltration systems had been “maxed out.” He explained that the assessment for a 10,000-sq. ft. property had been about \$5,000. Therefore, the addition of pump stations could double that cost, although they could be very effective. Nevertheless, the issue had to be balanced against how much water the City wanted to pump into the waterways during unusual storm events.

Commissioner Hutchinson understood the cost, but there were costs associated with refrigerators that shorted out or tiles that had to be replaced. Mayor Naugle noted that the only way to resolve the problem in some cases would be to raise the elevation of a house. Commissioner Moore wanted some method to reassure the community that the City had done everything it could before rains so the system would be as effective as possible when it rained.

**Action:** As discussed.

#### 4. Kratenstein Properties

Commissioner Moore noted that there were several Kratenstein properties between 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which were in very poor condition in the middle of an area that was being revitalized with infill construction. He recalled that the Commission had endorsed a concept of using its legal resources to address the situation, but he did not know what had happened.

Ms. Cecelia Hollar, Construction Services Director, advised that a team of staff members had been working with Lisa Hodapp, of the City Attorney's Office, in this regard. She stated that a meeting had been held with the Property Appraiser's Office, and zoning information had been provided indicating that changing folio numbers could identify those properties that had been illegally subdivided, and people had been put on notice.

Commissioner Moore asked when this had been done, and Mr. Kisela believed it had been done 2 or 3 months ago. However, he did not think that dealt with the issue of someone who purchased a property that had already been illegally subdivided. It would, however, prevent those things from happening again in the future.

Commissioner Moore was glad to know that some action had been taken, although the desired results had not been achieved. He hoped something would force the mortgage holders to seek an entity that could assemble the properties and do the right thing for the community. Commissioner Moore invited the Commission to take a T-Max tour of these properties, and he felt the City should find a way to put these people in jail. The City Attorney understood that a number of the properties were now in the hands of the lenders who had originally been defrauded. Mr. Witschen had been dealing with those entities.

At 4:08 p.m., Commissioner Katz left the meeting. She returned at 4:10 p.m.

Mayor Naugle suggested a meeting with all the lenders involved in the Kratenstein properties in order to work out some sort of a plan. Commissioner Moore supported the idea. Commissioner Smith wondered why the City could not simply demolish any unsafe structures. Commissioner Moore noted that many of them had been well maintained at one time.

**Action:** Meeting to be scheduled with involved lenders.

#### 5. Tarpon River – Sewage

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that an issue had recently been raised at a District meeting about raw sewage spilling into the Tarpon River in the 500 block of Southwest 11<sup>th</sup> Court. She understood City staff had been out there and requested a status report.

**Action:** Staff to provide report.

#### 6. Nagy Case/Northeast 19<sup>th</sup> Street Alley

Commissioner Smith inquired about the eminent domain case involving the alley at Northeast 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Bud Bentley, Assistant City Manager, believed the trial would be held at the end of July or into August.

**Action:** None.

7. Dolphin Isles – Gatehouse

Commissioner Smith asked if the lights for the gatehouse in Dolphin Isles had been turned on yet. *Ms. Lu Deaner*, of the neighborhood association, stated that Phil Schindler was trying to facilitate this activity, and she expected the lights to be on very soon. Commissioner Smith asked staff to assist the neighborhood to prevent accidents.

**Action:** Staff to assist as directed.

At 4:17 p.m., Commissioner Moore left the meeting.

8. Zoning Rewrite – 1997

Commissioner Katz recalled that when the Zoning Code had been rewritten in 1997, there had been some neighborhoods with 7.5' setback requirements through deed restrictions, but the City had only required 5' setbacks. She wondered if the 7.5' setbacks had been included in the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Hollar replied that the requirement had been included in the districts and in the ULDR. Commissioner Katz advised that there was another neighborhood in her district that had the same problem and wanted to make sure their deed restrictions were included in the Comprehensive Plan as well.

Mayor Naugle suggested that the item be scheduled for Conference consideration on July 16, 2002 so zoning in progress could be established.

At 4:19 p.m., Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Katz said she would obtain a letter from the neighborhood association to ensure there was consensus to seek zoning in progress.

**Action:** Subject to be scheduled for Conference meeting of July 16, 2002.

9. Economic Development Focus Group

Commissioner Katz understood a memorandum had been issued recently indicating that Mayor Naugle could not serve as liaison for the Economic Development Focus Group. Mayor Naugle advised that was not the case.

**Action:** None.

10. Wayfinding Signs

Commissioner Katz recalled discussion at the last meeting about wayfinding signs with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). She inquired about the status. Mr. Kisela reported that the DDA had not approved it, and the matter would be brought back to the City Commission.

**Action:** None.

11. Strategic Planning Workshop

Commissioner Katz asked if a date had been set for the Strategic Planning Workshop in October. The City Clerk replied that a date had not been established yet, but she would start polling the Commissioners for a convenient date.

**Action:** City Clerk to schedule Workshop.

12. Subarea Mobility Study

Commissioner Katz was concerned that the Subarea Mobility Study kept expanding, and she wanted to make sure Kathy Sweetapple, of Keith & Schnars, was coordinating this with the Master Plan. Commissioner Hutchinson believed the need to be more flexible had been raised at the last Subarea Mobility Study meeting. Commissioner Smith understood much of the study had been “reined” in as well to address Commissioner Katz’s concerns.

Upon questioning by Commissioner Katz, Commissioner Smith reported that 4 different approaches were being taken. One might be some type of monorail around the courthouse and downtown; and, one involved a trolley around downtown and to the beach. He advised that another involved a train, and all the issues involved mass transit mobility. Commissioner Hutchinson felt remote parking was critical. She and Commissioner Katz noted that Ms. Sweetapple was doing a wonderful job.

**Action:** None.

13. Multicultural Event

Commissioner Katz inquired about the Multicultural Event that was being planned. The City Manager stated that staff was working on it, and he understood an October date was under consideration to coincide with the opening of the African American Library and Cultural Center and a visit by the USS Amistad.

Commissioner Katz advised that the volunteers had not heard anything lately. The City Manager said they would be contacted very soon, and he noted that another multicultural event was scheduled for September involving youth.

**Action:** None.

**V – City Manager Reports**

1. Fire and EMS Services – North Andrews Gardens and Twin Lakes

The City Manager reported that the County had asked Fort Lauderdale and Oakland Park to submit proposals for provision of fire and emergency medical services to the unincorporated neighborhoods of North Andrews Gardens and Twin Lakes. He stated that staff would respond with some preliminary data, subject to Commission approval.

**Action:** None.

## 2. Office of Professional Standards

The City Manager stated that he had not been able to retain a Director for the Office of Professional Standards by the end of last month as he had planned, so the search would continue. Commissioner Katz did not understand why no one had been found among the more than 300 applicants. The City Manager felt that none of the applicants had the total mix of experience and expertise he thought was necessary for this organization. He noted that many lawyers had applied, but he had not found the required expertise among the group. Nevertheless, the new City Attorney would probably be helpful in this regard, and he felt it was too important a position to hire anyone less than the best person for the job.

At 4:32 p.m., Commissioner Moore left the meeting.

Commissioner Smith asked when someone would be hired. The City Manager was not sure, but he planned to make every effort to fill the position by September 15, 2002.

At 4:33 p.m., Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting.

**Action:** As discussed.

## **IV – City Commission Reports (Continued from Page 18)**

### 14. The Venezia Condominium

Mayor Naugle reported that he had been receiving complaints about the exhaust fans at the Venezia Condominium. He wanted staff to consider the fan specifications or a different design as the Capri had the same type of fans. Commissioner Smith asked if the noise had been measured with meters. Mayor Naugle believed so, and the measurement was taken from the street, but the noise was extending into the Beverly Heights neighborhood. Commissioner Hutchinson understood there were also some problems with the lights that faced the neighborhood.

**Action:** Staff to investigate.

## **OB – Broward County Comprehensive Plan – Economic Element**

Commissioner Smith understood this was the County's economic development effort and comments were being sought. He believed consideration was being given to providing a County liaison to facilitate permit applications. Commissioner Smith felt the City should suggest to the County that it should keep providing the personnel for an accelerated permit process. The City Manager thought that was reasonable.

Mayor Naugle asked if there was any recommended language on the matters relating to the CRA. The City Manager replied that the CRA Director would propose some language. Ms. Brenda Kelly, CRA Planning Manager, said that staff would be putting comments on record on July 9, 2002. Mayor Naugle suggested that the City Manager be authorized to transmit concerns to the County in writing. Commissioner Smith was happy in terms of tourism in light of language to encourage land use opportunities to facilitate tourism efforts.

Mayor Naugle referred to Page 17.7, Policy No. 17.9.2, relating to review criteria for municipalities for findings of necessity in slum and blight studies. It went on about oversized CRAs, and it appeared that now County approval would be necessary in addition to City approval when it came to CRAs rather than reducing bureaucracy. Commissioner Smith believed that was a matter of State Statute. The City Manager agreed this highlighted a long-standing battle in this regard. Mayor Naugle felt the City should contact some of the other cities that were involved in the same battle, such as Hollywood and Deerfield Beach. The City Manager advised that there was a coalition working together in this regard, and staff had been in contact with the other affected cities.

Mayor Naugle felt there should be some mention about the increase in marine facilities. *Mr. Michael Matthias*, consultant, stated that this was an optional element that became a part of the Comprehensive Plan, but it was good for the City to be on record with comments. Mayor Naugle pointed out that the marine industry was an \$8 billion industry in Broward County, which generated 100,000 jobs. Although tourism was mentioned, the marine jobs paid more, and it had to be addressed as a growth industry.

Commissioner Moore agreed the CRA Director should address the CRA issues, but he had found a void in this in that the County, the City and other municipalities should join together in trying to get some area of Broward County designated as an Enterprise Zone. He felt that was the greatest economic engine available and provided tax incentives. Commissioner Moore thought it made sense for the County lead the area into such an "Empowerment" Zone effort and coordinate with the coastal cities. He also hoped community-based groups would be designated to address Work Force Development, as mentioned under 17.6. The City Manager felt groups from Fort Lauderdale would be appropriate.

*Mr. Frank Schnidman* said that there was a substantial County document that followed this, which should be evaluated, but the threshold issue was the County deciding to adopt an element of the Comprehensive plan that was not mandatory. He referred to Page 17.5, Policy 17.5.4. He pointed out that there had been no input into this by local governments or the Broward Alliance, which he found interesting. *Mr. Schnidman* said that Policy 17.12 on Page 17.9 had also been prepared without the stakeholders, yet both of these policies related to community input.

*Mr. Schnidman* stated that Policy 17.6 referred to work force development and training, but work force development greatly involved the School Board and the quality of public education. Yet, there was nothing in the Plan relating to improvement of public education so potential employers would not have to worry about training. He pointed out that there was nothing in this document about the County's own School Board.

*Mr. Schnidman* referred to Policy 17.5.1 on page 17.4, which related to development of effective marketing tools to attract diverse business compatible with Broward County's resources. He felt that was duplicative of efforts made by the Broward Alliance, and he felt this was a "power grab" for the role and responsibilities of the Alliance. Finally, as to the CRA, Chapter 163 provided the criteria, while Policies 17.9.2 and 17.9.3 seemed to indicate that the County intended to set standards over and above the State's criteria. Further, Policy 17.10 showed a lack of understanding about how the redevelopment process worked. *Mr. Schnidman* believed this would totally "shut down" the approval of tax increment financing.

Commissioner Smith hoped Mr. Schnidman's comments would be included in the City's response. Commissioner Moore believed the County would continue to "chip away" at CRAs through any method it could find. He pointed out that it had taken months to add a very narrow, 100' property to the CRA. Commissioner Smith wondered if it was an effort, on the part of the County, to get more business. Commissioner Moore believed it was a matter of money because a portion of County tax dollars were diverted through CRAs.

Ms. Sheryl Stolzenberg, Construction Services, stated that when the County did Plan amendments, it typically brought them to the technical advisory committee of the City, and this was an optional element. She advised that staff had raised questions about the reason for it because this went much further than the unincorporated areas. Ms. Stolzenberg said staff had asked the County to defer action until the second round of amendments, but that effort had not been successful. Therefore, the technical advisory committee had appointed a subcommittee to work with County staff to come up with some language changes so they could be brought forward. Ms. Stolzenberg felt cities with any questions about how the County was trying to gain greater control over the local CRA process should go on record in this regard. Otherwise, those cities might not receive notice when the State proceeded.

Commissioner Moore saw no reason for the City to participate. Rather, he felt the City should send the message that it was in opposition. Mayor Naugle agreed, except as to the unincorporated area. Commissioner Hutchinson concurred. Mr. Matthias felt it was critical that the City take a position because this had potential regulatory impact. The City Manager felt that was good advice so the City would be on the record.

**Action:** Approved as discussed.

### **III-B – Advisory Board Vacancies**

1. Aviation Advisory Board

Commissioner Smith wished to appoint G. Lawrence Holdridge to the Aviation Advisory Board.

**Action:** Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

2. Board of Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority

**Action:** Deferred.

3. Citizen Review Board

**Action:** Deferred.

4. Community Appearance Board

**Action:** Deferred.

5. Economic Development Advisory Board

**Action:** Deferred.

6. Performing Arts Center Authority

**Action:** Deferred.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

NOTE: A MECHANICAL RECORDING HAS BEEN MADE OF THE FOREGOING PROCEEDINGS, OF WHICH THESE MINUTES ARE A PART, AND IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.